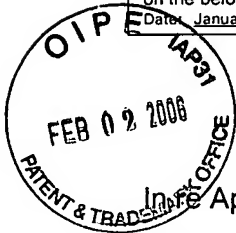


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Appln. of: Bjarne L. Christensen et al.

Appln. No.: 10/536,535

Filed: May 26, 2005

For: A CONNECTING PIECE FOR A TUBING

Attorney Docket No: 12706-21

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Power of Attorney; Status Inquiry
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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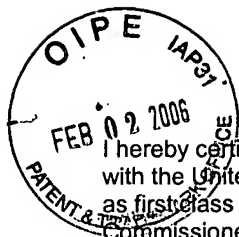
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____ . A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on May 26, 2005, but have received neither an official Filing Receipt nor a Notice to File Missing Parts. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when an official Filing Receipt and a Notice to File Missing Parts are expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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